The Honorable James L. Robart 1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 7 8 MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington corporation, CASE NO. C10-1823-JLR 9 Plaintiff, DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO FILE 10 DEFENDANTS' PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF 11 v. LAW UNDER SEAL 12 MOTOROLA, INC., and MOTOROLA NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: MOBILITY LLC, and GENERAL Friday, October 12, 2012 13 INSTRUMENT CORPORATION. 14 Defendants. 15 16 MOTOROLA MOBILITY LLC, and GENERAL INSTRUMENT CORPORATION. 17 Plaintiffs/Counterclaim Defendant, 18 19 v. 20 MICROSOFT CORPORATION, 21 Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff. 22 23 24 25 26

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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Western District of Washington Civil Local Rule CR 5(g)(2), Defendants Motorola, Inc. (now Motorola Solutions, Inc.), Motorola Mobility, LLC, and General Instrument Corporation (collectively "Motorola") respectfully move this Court for leave to file Defendants' Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law under seal.

II. BACKGROUND

Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") and Motorola entered into a stipulated Protective Order, which was approved by the Court on July 21, 2011. (Dkt. No. 72.) This Protective Order outlines categories of material that should be maintained in confidence, along with procedures for sealing confidential material when included in documents filed with the Court. Specifically, paragraph 1 specifies that:

Confidential Business Information is information which has not been made public and which concerns or relates to the trade secrets ... amount or source of any income, profits, losses, or expenditures of any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization, the disclosure of which information is likely to have the effect of causing substantial harm to the competitive position of the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization from which the information was obtained....

Id. at 1-2. This information should be marked as "CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION, SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." *Id.* at 2. Additionally, paragraph 6 specifies that:

- (1) Confidential Business Information pertaining to licensing or other commercially sensitive financial information shall not be made available under this paragraph 6 to such designated in-house counsel; the supplier shall designate such Confidential Business Information pertaining to licensing or other commercially sensitive financial information as "[SUPPLIER'S NAME] CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" and promptly provide a redacted version of such document that may be disseminated to the two in-house counsel designated under this paragraph 6....
- *Id.* at 4. Finally, Paragraph 2 of the Protective Order governs the sealing of documents, and states in relevant part that:

During the pre-trial phase of this action, such information, whether submitted in writing or in oral testimony, shall be disclosed only *in camera* before the Court

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and shall be filed only under seal, pursuant to Rule 5(g) of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Id. at 2.

Thus, the Protective Order provides that Motorola may request to seal documents by formal motion pursuant to Rule 5(g) of the Local Civil Rules of the Western District of Washington. Local Rule CR 5(g)(3) states that:

If a party seeks to have documents filed under seal and no prior order in the case or statute specifically permits it, the party must obtain authorization to do so by filing a motion to seal or a stipulation and proposed order requesting permission to file specific documents under seal. The court will allow parties to file entire memoranda under seal only in rare circumstances. A motion or stipulation to seal usually should not itself be filed under seal. A declaration or exhibit filed in support of the motion to seal may be filed under seal if necessary. If possible, a party should protect sensitive information by redacting documents rather than seeking to file them under seal. A motion or stipulation to seal should include an explanation of why redaction is not feasible.

Similarly, federal law recognizes that courts should protect trade secrets or other confidential commercial information by reasonable means, permitting the filing under seal of documents containing such information. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(G) and (H) (stating that a court may require that (1) "a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information not be revealed or be revealed only in a specified way" and (2) "the parties simultaneously file specified documents or information in sealed envelopes...").

Though courts recognize a general right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records, the United States Supreme Court has stated that this right is limited. "[T]he right to inspect and copy judicial records is not absolute. Every court has supervisory power over its own records and files, and access has been denied where court files might have become a vehicle for improper purposes." *Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 598 (1978). In discussing examples of improper purposes, the Court indicated that courts are not to serve as "sources of business information that might harm a litigant's competitive standing." *Id.*

As the Ninth Circuit stated:

The law, however, gives district courts broad latitude to grant protective orders to prevent disclosure of materials for many types of information, including, but not

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limited to, trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(7). Rule 26(c) authorizes the district court to issue " any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden." Supreme Court has interpreted this language as conferring "broad discretion on the trial court to decide when a protective order is appropriate and what degree of protection is required." Seattle Times Co. v. Rhinehart, 467 U.S. 20, 36 (1984).

Phillips v. General Motors Corp., 307 F.3d 1206, 1211 (9th Cir. 2002).

III. THE PROTECTIVE ORDER BOTH PERMITS AND REQUIRES MOTOROLA TO FILE THIS MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SEAL

In accordance with the Protective Order and the above-referenced authority, Motorola respectfully requests that Defendants' Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law be filed under seal because of: (1) citation to, quotes from, and description of confidential Microsoft internal emails; (2) citation to and descriptions of the parties' business and licensing histories and practices; (3) discussion of internal Microsoft documents; and (4) reference to expert reports filed in this action by Microsoft's and Motorola's expert witnesses, which the parties have designated as "MICROSOFT/MOTOROLA CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION OUTSIDE ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Disclosure of this information to third parties and other party employees not covered by the protective order would have the potential to lead to competitive harm. Because this information is contained in Defendants' Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in accordance with its responsibilities under the Protective Order, Motorola has marked this document as containing "OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS" EYES ONLY – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." In lieu of sealing all of the document, Motorola has redacted only those portions of Defendants' Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that disclose this confidential information. Redactions were made to limit as little information as possible, leaving the remainder available for public review.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Motorola respectfully requests that this Court order that Defendants' Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law be filed under seal.

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